

# SILMO ACADEMY CONGRESS

## BALI – INDONESIA • HOTEL PARADISUS

### 6 TO 8 APRIL 2026

#### DAY 1 – APRIL 6TH

##### SESSION 1

##### PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

1-1.45 PM	Avoiding Conflict – real cases from the UK Optical Consumer Complaints Service	Richard Edwards (UK)	
1.45-2.30 PM	Supporting Neurodiverse Patients in Optometric Practice	Lana Delambre (UK)	
2.30-2.45 PM	Sponsor Presentation		
<b>2.45-3.15 PM</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
3.15-4 PM	Person-centred care and critical services to the ageing population – are we ready?	Prof Daniela Nosch (Switzerland)	
4-4.45 PM	Burn Out of Optical Professionals – the Changing Landscape of Employee Care	Prof Fiona Fylan (UK)	
4.45-5.15 PM	Panel Discussion	All	
<b>EVENING</b>	<b>Get Together Drinks Reception – delegates, lecturers and partners</b>		

#### DAY 2 – APRIL 7TH – AM

##### SESSION 2

##### HEALTHY AGEING AND PRESBYOPIA

9-9.30 AM	Why Healthy Ageing is Important: the WHO Work Plan	Elaine Grisdale (UK)	
9.30-10.15 AM	Why is this Still in Hospital? A New (Zealand) Approach to Eye Care	Jason Dhana (NZ)	
10.15-10.30 AM	Sponsor Presentation		
<b>10.30-11.00 AM</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
11.0-11.45 AM	What we know about vision impairment and blindness at population level- how the Global Vision Database has transformed our knowledge of the changing contribution of different causes of vision loss over the past 30 years and emerging trends-with a particular focus on effective Refractive Error Coverage, the first eye metric to be included in the WHO's Fourteenth General Programme of Work (2025-2028).	Prof Rupert Bourne (UK)	
11.45-12.30 PM	Creating a Dementia Friendly Practice – experiences from Australia	Dr Marianne Coleman (Australia)	
12.30-1 PM	Panel Discussion	All	
<b>1-2 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		

#### DAY 2 – APRIL 7TH – PM

##### SESSION 3

##### GAINING A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN PRACTICE

2-2.45 PM	Contact lens discomfort or dry eye disease? How to tell the difference.	Prof Eric Papas (Australia)	
2.45-3.30 PM	Find Your Competitive Advantage	Stephen Caunter (NZ)	
3.30-3.45 PM	Sponsor Presentation		
<b>3.45-4.15 PM</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
4.15-5 PM	Innovations in Contact Lens Management of the Irregular Cornea	Dr Cindy Tromans (UK – WCO President)	
5-5.45 PM	Adapting contact lenses for children from A to Z	Philippe Seira (Switzerland)	
5.45-6.15 PM	Panel discussion	All	
<b>EVENING</b>	<b>Celebration Dinner (buy tickets separately)</b>		

#### DAY 3 – APRIL 8TH – AM

##### SESSION 4

##### LIGHT MANAGEMENT

9-9.45 AM	Beyond Refraction – Building Trust	Dr Byki Huntjens (NL/UK – BCLA President)	
9.45-10.30 AM	Light and Myopia	Prof Weizhong LAN (China)	
10.30-10.45 AM	Sponsor Presentation		
<b>10.45-11.15 AM</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
11.15-12.00 AM	The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades	Prof David Elliott (UK)	
12.00-12.45 PM	The Optical Ecology of Childhood Vision: How Light, Distance and Behaviour Shape Refractive Development	Dr Grant Hannaford (Australia)	
12.45-1.15 PM	Panel discussion	All	
<b>1.15-2.15 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		

#### DAY 3 – APRIL 8TH – PM

##### SESSION 5

##### FUTURE ADVANCES IN OPTOMETRY AND OPTICS

2.15-3 PM	Perspectives for AI in Clinical Practice	Gabrielle Janssen (ECOO President, NL)	
3-3.45 PM	Is the Sector Ready for AI and the Smart Eyewear Revolution?	Sebastien Brusset (France)	
3.45-4 PM	Sponsor Presentation		
<b>4-4.30 PM</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
4.30-5.15 PM	The evolution of medico-optometry: how med-tech in ophthalmics is disrupting the optometric paradigm	Thao Hannaford (Australia)	
5.15-6 PM	Using Technology to Revolutionise Low Vision and Hearing Solutions	Iwan Zanchetta (Switzerland)	
6-6.30 PM	Panel discussion	All	

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